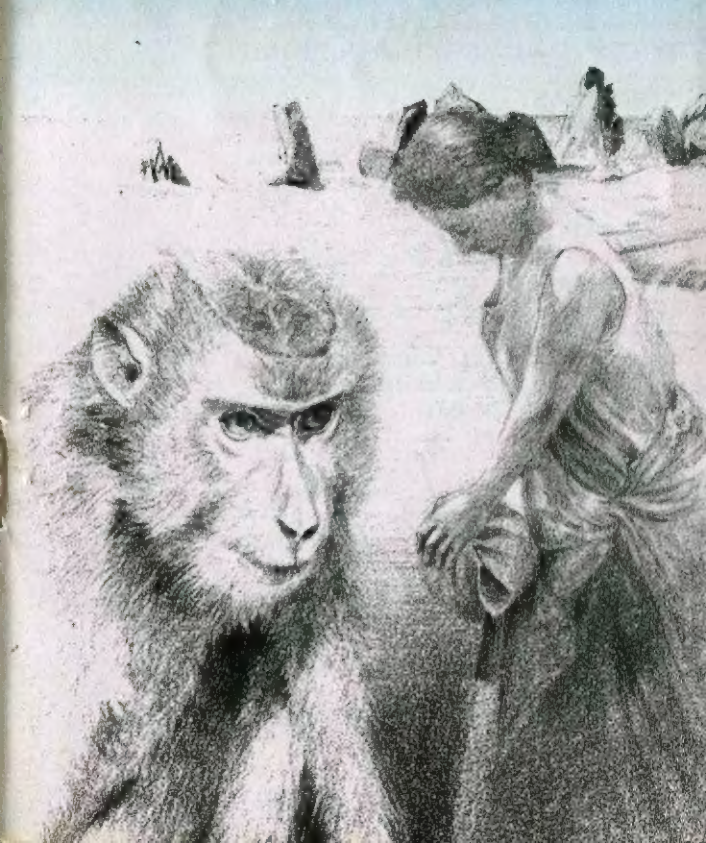


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SURAT THANI

Tourist Information

INTRODUCTION

Surat Thani is southern Thailand's largest province, some 12,800 square kilometres, and has an extensive coastline lapped by limpid Thai Gulf waters.

Besides beautiful beaches, Surat Thani boasts some of Thailand's loveliest tropical islands, namely the Penang-sized Ko Samui, Thailand's second largest island, palm-fringed jewel of a sparkling archipelago that includes the stunning 250-square-kilometre Angthong (Golden Bowl) Marine National Park.

Surat Thani once formed part, and may have been the centre, of the Mahayana Buddhist Srivichaya Empire which, steeped in legend and mystery, dominated the Malay peninsula and much of Java some 1,500 years ago. Srivichaya was best described by the itinerant Chinese monk I Chinga after a pilgrimage he made to India during the late 600's (A.D.). Archaeological discoveries at Chaiya district indicate the former empire's splendour.

ATTRACTIONS

City Attractions

Surat Thani's provincial capital is 685 kilometres south of Bangkok by Highway No.4, and Highway No.41 from Chumphon. The city is a thriving modern commercial, entertainment and communications centre, and the air gateway from Bangkok to southern Thailand.

The Khao Tapet Nature & Wildlife Centre is some 6 kilometres from town along the Surat-Nasarn Road, Highway 4009, and covers 1,162 acres. The centre houses many caged wild animals. The hilltop, some 210 metres above sea level, offers panoramic views of Bandon municipality, the Tapi River and Bandon Bay. Guest houses are available at the centre. Advance booking is necessary.

Si Surat Stupa, also locally known as Phra That Khao Tapet, is on the summit of Tapet Hill in the Khao Tapet Nature & Wildlife Centre. The stupa houses Buddha relics donated by the Indian government some 30 years ago. Architecturally, the shrine embodies Srivichaya and Bangkok-period styles.

The Tapi River Estuary is some 5 kilometres from Bandon municipality. The area is particularly rich in quality seafood restaurants.

Out-of-City Attractions.

KANCHANADIT DISTRICT

A Monkey school is located some 13 kilometres along the Surat-Kanchanadit Road, Highway 401. Monkeys are trained to pick coconuts. Most 'students' are pig-tailed monkeys captured from the forests. Training usually takes some 3 months. Visitors are advised to check with local travel agents (SEE GENERAL INFORMATION) for full details.

Oyster Farms are found around the estuarine areas of the Kadaeh and Ta Tong Rivers. Oysters bred there are substantially larger than those found elsewhere. Those interested in visiting the farms, and observing oysters being harvested, may hire long-tailed boats which carry 8 to 10 persons. It takes some 30 minutes to reach the farms from Ta Tong quayside. The service costs 100 baht.

DONSAK DISTRICT

Wipawadee Waterfall, some 30 kilometres from town along the Surat-Nakhon Road, is at Pak Praek village. The picturesque, medium-sized waterfall enjoys bucolic surroundings and attracts many visitors during public holidays.

Wat Khao Suwan Pradit. The temple was founded by Luang Po Choi, one of southern Thailand's most esteemed monks. The very beautiful hilltop pagoda, some 45 metres in height, contains Buddha relics and is visible from afar

CHAIYA DISTRICT

Wat Suan Mekkha Phalaram, better known as 'Suan Mok', is on Highway No.41 some 50 kilometres north of the provincial capital. Suan Mok is an unusual 150-acre forest temple. The monastic community follows the simple regimen of the Buddha's earliest disciples. Suan Mok is devoid of extravagant ceremonial and elaborate chapels with multi-tiered roofs. Sculpture workshops dot the forested enclave, and physical labour is an essential part of the community's lifestyle.

Suan Mok's founder, Bhikkhu Buddhadasa, is highly respected in Thailand, and internationally, and his 'back-to-basics' approach attracts Buddhist monks and lay meditators from Europe, North and South America, Australia and Japan.

A favourite sight for casual visitors is the 'Spiritual Theatre' which Buddhadasa describes as 'a pictorial interpretation of **Dharma**'. The building features an eclectic mixture of Thai, Egyptian, Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Tibetan and European-style murals and sculptures.

Phra Borom That Chaiya is 54 kilometres north of the provincial capital, and 1 kilometre from Chaiya railway station. The revered, elaborately restored, more than 1200-year-old pagoda contains Buddha relics and is a direct link with the Srivichaya empire. A small museum in the temple compound houses artifacts from the vicinity.

Phumriang Village, some 6 kilometres east of Chaiya, is an arts and crafts centre well known for its gold and silver-brocade silk cloth and jute headwear.

BAN TAKHUN DISTRICT

Khao Sok National Park is largely jungle with complex mountain ranges and high cliffs. The park

office is 1.3 kilometres off the Surat-Takuapa Road at Km. 109. Many wild animals include elephants, bantengs, tapirs, bison, bears and black panthers. Places worth visiting within the park, mostly by foot, include the Sip Et Chan (Eleven Stage) Waterfall, some 4 kilometres from the park office; the Mae Yai (Mother-in-Law) Waterfall, which can be reached by car; and several other waterfalls and caves, reached exclusively by foot. Dormitory and camping accommodation is available. Advance booking for lodgings and food, should be made through the National Parks Division in Bangkok (Tel: 579-0529 or 579-4842).

SAMUI DISTRICT

Ko Samui is Surat Thani's major tourist attraction. This beautiful 247-square-kilometre island is 268 nautical miles south of Bangkok and some 84 kilometres east of Surat Thani provincial capital. Ko Samui measures some 21 kilometres at its widest point and 25 kilometres at its longest. A 51-kilometre ring road largely encircles the island, which has numerous lovely beaches and bays, and is almost literally an island of coconuts and forested hills. Samui's best beaches line the northern and eastern coasts, the most popular being Chaweng and Lamai where, generally, attractive accommodation are found. Besides beaches, other island attractions include the Hin Lat and Na Muang waterfalls; the phallic rock formations at the southern end of Lamai Bay; a massive seated Buddha image on Fan isle in Plai Laem Bay; and Na Thon, the island's major seafront settlement where shops, restaurants, tour agencies are located.

Angthong Marine National Park comprises some 40 islands northwest of Ko Samui and covers 250 square kilometres, of which 50 square kilometres is land mass. The most attractive islands include Ko Wua Talap (Sleeping Cow island), Ko Mae Ko (Mother island), Ko Prayat (Economical island), Ko Sam Sao (Tripod island), Ko Nai Pud (Mr Pud's island), and Ko Wua Teh (Kicking Cow island). Most islands comprise limestone masses reaching heights of up to 400 metres and fringed by beaches and tropical rain forest. Caves and rock formations comprise picturesque elements.

The park office is on Ko Wua Talap where bungalow-style accommodation is available. Popular attractions include Haad Chan Charat (Moonlight Beach), a high viewpoint and the Tam Bua Boke, or Waving Lotus Cave, named after spectacular stalactite and stalagmite formations. An emerald saltwater lake known as **Talay Nai** on Ko Mae Ko is the park's major attraction, and entails a strenuous climb. The resultant view is well worth the effort. Another popular venue is Ko Sam Sao where an extensive span or coral reef and huge rock arch offer scenic fascination. Visitors wishing to stay overnight on Ko Wua Talap should make advance bookings (and state whether meal services are required) through the Angthong Marine National Park, 145/1 Talatlang Rd., Muang District, Surat Thani 84000, Tel: (077) 283025 or the National Parks Division in Bangkok (Tel: 579-0529, 579-4842).

KO PHANGAN DISTRICT

Ko Phangan is an island, some 191 square kilometres in area, 60 minutes directly north of Ko Samui. The island offers few creature comforts and is explored largely by motorcycles along dirt trails. Attractions include the Tan Sadet Waterfall some 30 kilometres from the district office, the Laem Had Rin Beach, some 12 kilometres from the district office, and the Paeng National Park, 4 kilometres from the district office.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Surat Thani's aforementioned national parks offer several opportunities for camping and trekking.

Camping facilities, which customarily provide cold running water and simple toilet amenities, are available at Khao Sok National Park and Angthong Marine National Park.

Trekking along either well-defined waterfall trails or nature trails, to visit caves or appreciate local flora and fauna, is a popular activity at both national parks.

Ornithologists can enjoy year-round bird-watching opportunities at the Angthong Marine National Park where numerous marine bird species are plentiful.

Water sport enthusiasts will find ample opportunities for swimming, windsurfing, snorkelling and scuba-diving at Ko Samui, Ko Pha Ngan, Ko Tao and Ko Nang Yuan, and snorkelling and scuba-diving opportunities in Angthong Marine National Park.

Buddhist meditation, both Vipassana (Insight) and Samatha (Tranquil), is taught in specialised courses by English-speaking instructors at Chaiya's Suan Mok. Would-be meditators are advised to contact the temple directly, and preferably in person.

Gourmets will certainly appreciate Surat Thani's oysters which are particularly large, succulent, have pure white flesh, lack a fishy smell and boast high nutritional value.

Buffalo fights, in which one buffalo fights another, is staged in Thailand solely on Ko Samui, on special occasions such as April 13 (Songkran Day), New Year's Day and Chinese New Year's Day. There are 2 fights daily, at 8.30 AM. and 2.00 PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Chak Phra Festival

Surat Thani celebrates the official end of the annual 3-month Buddhist Rains Retreat (**Phansa**), usually mid-October, with an impressive festival.

The Chak Phra Festival (literally 'the procession of hauling the Buddha image') stems from the belief that the Buddha ascended to heaven during Phansa to preach to his mother. The festival marks the Buddha's return to earth and is an occasion for religious merit-making and general celebrations.

Local people organise dazzling land and waterborne processions of revered Buddha images (to symbolise the Buddha's return to earth) and boat races on the Tapi

River where long boats, each manned by up to 50 oarsmen, are ebulliently raced.

Religious devotion, spectacle and merriment make Surat Thani's Chak Phra Festival a memorable event for every visitor.

Rambutan Fair

1st week of August

The first rambutan tree was planted in Surat Thani in 1926, and this fair celebrates the delicious fruit, which now grows widely in the area. Highlights include exhibitions of local products and ornamental plants, floats adorned with rambutan and other fruits, and demonstrations of trained monkeys who harvest coconuts.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to Surat Thani

Surat Thani is linked with Bangkok by road, rail and air services. Flying time aboard a Thai Airways jet is 70 minutes. Rail time is approximately 13 hours, and most convenient by overnight train. Bus time is 10 hours.

Air schedules are available from Thai Airways (Tel: Bangkok 280-0070, 280-0080), or (Surat Thani) Tel: (077) 273-710, 273-355, 272-610.

Rail schedules can be obtained from Bangkok's Hualampong Station (Tel: 223-3762) or Surat Thani Tel: (077) 311-213. The State Railways of Thailand offers a rail, bus and boat service at a special rate. Telephone Bangkok 223-7010, 223-7020 for complete details.

Airconditioned and regular coaches leave Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal on Charansanitwongse Road (Tel: 414-4978-9), (Air) and 434-5558 (Regular) throughout the day.

Since fares are subject to change without notice, visitors are advised to check with the Terminal directly for current details.

Direct Air Service to Samui

Bangkok Airways : Pacific Place Building
144 Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok
10110, Tel: 253-4014-6

Or Samui Office : Tel: (077) 421483 Fax: (077)
421489

Leaves Bangkok 5 trips, and Phuket on trip, daily.

Fare : Bangkok-Samui 1,880 Baht one way/person
Phuket-Samui 1,100 Baht one way/person

Local Transportation

Koh Samui can be reached by ferry, speedboat and car ferry from Ban Don and Don Sak. Current fares and timetables are available from Surat Thani's TAT office.

Transportation on Koh Samui : Visitors who wish to be independent, and explore Samui's surrounding countryside and beaches at leisure, can hire motorcycles, jeep or cars. The owners park them along the beach scattered around the island with a sign "FOR RENT" on the top of the car. Minibuses which provide services all around the island are available. Typical prices include:

NA THON DOCK OR FERRY DOCK

To Ban Mae Nam	10	baht
To Bo Phut, Ban Plai Laem	15	baht
To Chaweng Beach	20	baht
To Lamai Beach	15	baht

Visitors wishing to go to Angthong Marine National Park can do so most conveniently from Na Thon Pier on Koh Samui. Local travel agents sell 250 baht tickets per person per round trip, including lunch, on a ferry service departing at 08.30 A.M. and returning at 5.00 P.M.

Boat charters cost 1,500 to 4,000 baht per day depending on the season and size of the boat.

Transportation

Koh Pha Ngan can be reached by ferry, speedboat and night boat from Ban Don and Don Sak. Or leave Koh Samui by speedboat and car ferry daily.

Transportation on Koh Pha Ngan is available either by hired motorcycles or by minibuses which provide services to the main beaches. Typical prices include:

THONG SALA DOCK

To Ban Khai	20	baht
To Chalok Lam	30	baht
To Thong Nai Pan	60	baht

The visitor is advised to look around by boat (long-tailed-boat) and consult local tourism publications, for different owners offer different prices and conditions.

Koh Tao can be reached by car ferry, which leaves Koh Pha Ngan. A night boat leaves Tha Yang Pier, Chumphon. Transfer cost is 150 baht per person.

Nature Lovers who wish to explore the surroundings and island beaches can hire boats or explore by foot.

NOTE PRICES STATED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE, AND ARE IN SOME CASES NEGOTIABLE.

ACCOMMODATION

First-class and economy-class hotels are found in Surat Thani. Accommodation on Koh Samui is confined largely to airconditioned and non-airconditioned beachside-bungalow complexes.

Visitors wishing to stay at either of Surat Thani's national parks are advised to book in advance, particularly if they intend to make weekend outings. Reservations should be made through Bangkok's National Parks Division (Tel: 579-0529, 579-4842.)

Surat Thani

Wang Tai Hotel

Talan Mai Rd., Amphoe Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: (077) 283020-5 Fax: 281007

Bkk. Tel: 2537947 Fax: 2556912

Rate: ฿ 495-1080 Rooms: 230

Siam Thani Hotel

Surat — Phun Phin Rd.

Tel: 282167-8 Fax: (077) 282169

Bkk. Tel: (02) 2710924-5

Rate: ฿ 432-1,044 Rooms: 172

Siam Thara Hotel

Donnok Rd.,

Tel: (077) 273470-3 Fax: 282169

Rate: ฿ 336-960 Rooms: 172

Tapi Hotel

Chonkasem Rd.,

Tel: (077) 272575

Rate: ฿ 200-400 Rooms: 120

Thanawat Hotel

Chonkasem Rd.,

Tel: (077) 273522

Rate: ฿ 150-250 Rooms: 50

Muang Thong Hotel

Na Muang Rd.,

Tel: (077) 272960-1

Rate: ฿ 120-380 Rooms: 108

Thai Thani Hotel

Talad Mai Rd.,

Tel: (077) 273620, 273586, 272977

Rate: ฿ 130-320 (F,A) Rooms: 120

Rat Thani Hotel

Bus Terminal

Tel: (077) 272972, 272143

Rate: ฿ 130-280 Rooms: 150

Muang Thong Hotel

Talad Mai Rd.,

Tel: (077) 272367, 272559

Rate: ฿ 150-300 Rooms: 44

Thai Roong Ruang Hotel

Taladmitkasem

Tel: (077) 273249 Fax: (077) 273249

Rate: ฿ 180-300 (F,A) Rooms: 150

Seri Hotel

Tonpo Rd., Tel: 272279

Rate: ฿ 130-280 Rooms: 30

Nathon

Seaside Palace

Tel: (077) 421079 Fax: (077) 421080

Rate: ฿ 300-500 Rooms: 30

Win Hotel

Nathon Tel: (077) 421500

Rate: ฿ 500 Rooms: 35

Thong Yang, Beach

Phloen Resort

Tel: 01-7250245

Rate: ฿ 600-1,200 (F) Rooms: 15 (V.I.P.) (S.F)

Hilton Garden Resort

Nakal Cobe, Koh Samui

Tel: Fax: 421056

Tel: 272222 Ext: 212

Bkk. Tel: 2457669, 2482961, 283015

Fax: 2482961

Rate: ฿ 800-1,000 Rooms: 40

Koh Samui

NATHON BEACH

Chao ko

Tel: 421157, 421214

Rate: ฿ 200-500 Rooms: 20

Samui

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 15

Sarnti Kasem

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 9

Sea Side Palace

Tel: 421079-80

Rate: ฿ 200-450 (A) Rooms: 25

Win Hotel, Nathon

Tel: 421500

Rate: ฿ 500 Rooms: 35

Nee Nual Court

Tel: 421108

Rate: ฿ 100-250 Rooms: 9

THONG YANG BEACH

Lipa Lodge

Tel: & Fax: 421434

Rate: ฿ 200-450 Rooms: 30

Phloen Resort

Tel: 421083, 01-7250245

Res; Nakhon Si Thammarat

Tel: (075) 344226, 342477

Rate: ฿ 600-1,200 (A) Rooms: 15

International

Tel: 421366

Rate: ฿ 150-250 Rooms: 22

Infuo Palace

Rate: ฿ 200-700 (A) Rooms: 10

Ar An Resort

Rate: ฿ 200-400 Rooms: 10

Co Co Cabana

Rate: ฿ 150-250 Rooms: 20

PHANG KA COVE

Emerald Cove

Rate: ฿ 80-150 Rooms: 17

Sea Cull

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 16

Pearl

Rate: ฿ 100-150 Rooms: 8

THONG GRUT BEACH

Thong Grut

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 7

Wai Ki Ki

Rate: ฿ 150-300 Rooms: 10

BANG KAO BEACH

Diamond Villa

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 7

Rever Garden

Rate: ฿ 100 Rooms: 10

LAEM SET BEACH

Samui Orchid Resort

Tel: 272222, 273213 Ext. 203

Tel: (077) 421079 Fax: 421080

Rate: ฿ 650-1,200 (A) Rooms: 64

Leam Set Inn

Tel: 01-7250267, 01-2122762

Fax: (02) 5525993

Rate: ฿ 650-2,500 Rooms: 15

NA KHAI BEACH**Hilton Garden Resort**

Tel: (077) 272222 Ext. 212 Fax: 421056

Bkk. Tel: 2457669 Fax: 2482961

Rate: ฿ 800-1,000 (A) Rooms: 40

Cosy Resort

Tel: 272222 Ext. 212

Fax: 421237

Rate: ฿ 150-200 Rooms: 9

Honey

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 12

LAMAI BEACH**Pine**

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 8

Rocky

Rate: ฿ 80-400 Rooms: 35

Swiss Chalet

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 7

Best Wishes

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 7

Floral House

Rate: ฿ 90-300 Rooms: 10

Noi

Rate: ฿ 50-300 Rooms: 10

Prang's House

Tel: 421435

Rate: ฿ 700 (A) Rooms: 12

The Rock

Rate: ฿ 40-100 Rooms: 9

Sun Rise

Rate: ฿ 80-400 Rooms: 24

Palm

Rate: ฿ 150-250 Rooms: 29

Ban Thai

Rate: ฿ 450-700 (A,F) Rooms: 16

Nice Resort 1

Tel: 421432

Rate: ฿ 100-600 (A) Rooms: 38

Nice Resort 2

Tel: 421431

Rate: ฿ 60-800 (F,A) Rooms: 75

Chain

Rate: ฿ 150-200 Rooms: 8

Don

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 7

P.N. House

Rate: ฿ 40-300 Rooms: 15

Green Canyon

Rate: ฿ 120-150 Rooms: 10

White Sand

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 20

Paradise

Rate: ฿ 80-200 Rooms: 37

Bill

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 30

Varinda

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 20

Lamai Pearl

Rate: ฿ 40-100 Rooms: 23

Pun's Garden

Rate: ฿ 100-150 Rooms: 12

Casnova Resort

Tel: 421425

Bkk: 2820452, 2826245

Rate: ฿ 1,000-1,200 (A) Rooms: 20

Amadeus

Rate: ฿ 150-250 Rooms: 23

Aloha

Tel: 421418-9 Fax: 421419

Rate: ฿ 350-1,700 (A) Rooms: 37

Moon Light

Tel: 421418-9 Fax: 421419

Rate: ฿ 300 Rooms: 13

Golden Sand

Tel: & Fax: 421430

Bkk: 2551370

Rate: ฿ 400-1,000 (A) Rooms: 78

Sea Breeze

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 30

Mira Mare

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 12

Marina Villa

Tel: 421426 Bkk: 2524101-4

Rate: ฿ 150-600 Rooms: 10

Sawadee House

Rate: ฿ 50-70 Rooms: 13

Thai House Inn

Tel: 421423

Rate: ฿ 100-150 Rooms: 30

Best Resort

Tel: 421416 Bkk: 2518255

Hat Yai: (074) 235744, 246706

Rate: ฿ 350-700 (F,A) Rooms: 31

Lamai Inn 99

Tel: & Fax: 421427

Rate: ฿ 150-600 (A) Rooms: 52

Coconut Beach

Rate: ฿ 50-500 Rooms: 23

Animal House

Rate: ฿ 100-300 Rooms: 9

Weekender Resort

Tel: 421429 Fax: 421417

Rate: ฿ 300-1,300 (A) Rooms: 66

The Royal Marina

Tel: 421428 Fax: 421237

Bkk: 2524101-4

Rate: ฿ 400-800 (F,A) Rooms: 14

Coconut Villa

Tel: 421424

Rate: ฿ 150-400 Rooms: 28

Magic Resort

Rate: ฿ 150-200 Rooms: 20

Lamai Weekender Resort

Tel: 421417 Fax: 421429

Rate: ฿ 1,600-2,500 (A) Rooms: 82

Mui

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 24

The Pavilion Resort

Tel: & Fax: 421420 Bkk: 2559150

Rate: ฿ 650-1,800 (A) Rooms: 42

Samui Laguna Resort

Tel: 281535 Ext. 223

Tel: 272222 Ext. 223

Bkk: Tel: 2525244 Fax: 2545198

Rate: ฿ 1,300-1,400 (A) Rooms: 66

Sand Sea Resort

Tel: & Fax: 421415

Rate: ฿ 600-1,200 (A) Rooms: 28

Paisarn

Rate: ฿ 300-500 Rooms: 34

Pioneer Villa Resort

Rate: ฿ 150-200 Rooms: 6

Lamai Resort

Rate: ฿ 80-150 Rooms: 6

Marina Park

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 12

Lamai Villa

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 25

Noree

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 5

Tapi

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 8

My Friend

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 12

No Name

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 12

Suk Kasem

Rate: ฿ 100-150 Rooms: 8

Weekender Villa

Rate: ฿ 100-300 Rooms: 19

Rose Garden

Tel: 421410

Rate: ฿ 180-700 (A) Rooms: 15

Island Resort

Rate: ฿ 150-300 Rooms: 20

Comfort

Rate: ฿ 100-300 Rooms: 30

Bay View

Tel: 272222, 281535 Ext. 8942

Rate: ฿ 250-350 Rooms: 29

The Royal Blue Lagoon

Rate: ฿ 200 Rooms: 9

Thong Ket Garden

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 8

Ket Kaew Resort

Tel: 272222, 273213 Ext. 202

Rate: ฿ 200-500 Rooms: 17

Orient

Rate: ฿ 80-100 Rooms: 6

Ka Tha Garden

Rate: ฿ 80-100 Rooms: 6

Samui Yacht Club

Tel: & Fax: 421400

Rate: ฿ 3,800-4,300 (A) Rooms: 40

Golden Clift

Tel: 421409

Rate: ฿ 300-800 (A) Rooms: 15

Hi Coral Cove 2

Rate: ฿ 50-300 Rooms: 24

Coral Cove Chalet

Tel: 286953

Rate: ฿ 250-300 Rooms: 33

Coral Cove Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 18

Hill Side Hut

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 8

CHAWENG BEACH

Bird Eye View

Rate: ฿ 700 Rooms: 6

Tropicana Beach Resort

Tel: 421408, 272222 Ext. 225

Tel: 421408 Fax: 421137

Bkk. Tel: 3187058 Fax: 3180759

Rate: ฿ 1,000-1,700 (A) Rooms: 25

Tawee

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 25

The Victorian Resort & Hotel

Bkk: 4245392, 4357297

Fax: & Tel: 286943

Rate: ฿ 2,000-4,000 (A) Rooms: 56

Sun Shine

Tel: & Fax: 421408

Rate: ฿ 1,600-2,600 (A) Rooms: 33

The Imperial Samui

Tel: 421390-7 Fax: 421397

Rate: ฿ 3,000-5,400 (A) Rooms: 155

New Star

Tel: & Fax: 421407

Rate: ฿ 600-1,500 (A) Rooms: 39

Mello

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 24

Holiday Inn

Rate: ฿ 800-1,200 Rooms: 18

Fair House

Tel: & Fax: 421373

Rate: ฿ 300-1,200 (A) Rooms: 30

Chaweng Palace

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 27

First

Tel: 421444

Rate: ฿ 500-800 (A) Rooms: 25

Sea Side

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 20

Chaweng Guest House

Tel: 421375

Rate: ฿ 500-1,200 (A) Rooms: 32

The White House

Tel: & Fax: 421382

Rate: ฿ 700-1,200 (A) Rooms: 12

Munchies

Tel: & Fax: 421374

Rate: ฿ 250-1,500 (A) Rooms: 50

Joy Resort

Tel: & Fax: 421376

Rate: ฿ 200-1,500 (A) Rooms: 32

Samui Country Resort

Rate: ฿ 300-400 Rooms: 46

Chaweng Cove

Tel: & Fax: 286957

Bkk: 5100950, 5102150

Rate: ฿ 1,800-2,200 (A) Rooms: 39

Chaweng Cabana

Tel: & Fax: 421377

Rate: ฿ 1,350-1,650 (A) Rooms: 24

Arabian

Tel: 421379

Rate: ฿ 400-1,200 (A) Rooms: 22

Visant

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 26

Pansea Samui

Tel: 421384-5

Bkk: Tel: 2356075-6

Fax: 2368094 Fax: 421385

Rate: ฿ 1,800-2,800 (A) Rooms: 48

The Village

Tel: & Fax: 421382

Rate: ฿ 1,100-1,800 (A) Rooms: 15

Chaweng Resort

Tel: & Fax: 421378

Rate: ฿ 1,600-1,800 (A) Rooms: 40

The Princess Village

Rate: ฿ 1,700-1,900 (A) Rooms: 12

Central Bay Resort

Tel: 272222 Ext. 217

Rate: ฿ 600-1,800 (A) Rooms: 30

Thai House

Rate: ฿ 200 Rooms: 20

Viking

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 15

Royal Inn

Rate: ฿ 100-150 Rooms: 11

Pan

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 8

Liberty

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 12

Beach Comber

Tel: 421388

Rate: ฿ 800-1,200 (A) Rooms: 50

Chaba Samui Resort

Tel: & Fax: 421380

Rate: ฿ 1,400-3,200 (A) Rooms: 16

King

Rate: ฿ 40-150 Rooms: 40

Thai Restaurant

Rate: ฿ 40-150 : B 100-150 Rooms: 6

Cosmos

Rate: ฿ 40 Rooms: 6

BO PHUT BEACH

Oasis

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 10

Miami

Rate: ฿ 40-100 Rooms: 6

Boon

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 13

New Boon Privacy

Tel: 421362

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 51

Smile House

Tel: 421361

Rate: ฿ 450-1,200 (A) Rooms: 29

Siam Sea Lodge

Tel: 421360

Bkk: 3777030; 3772108

Rate: ฿ 150-700 Rooms: 30

Chai Hat

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 14

Ziggy Stardust

Tel: & Fax: 421477

Rate: ฿ 500-2,000 (A) Rooms: 27

Samui Euphoria Hotel

Tel: 286948 Fax: 286949

Rate: ฿ 4,114-9,680 (A) Rooms: 124

Peace

Rate: ฿ 300-700 (A) Rooms: 39

Calm

Rate: ฿ 80-250 Rooms: 25

Palm Garden

Rate: ฿ 80-250 Rooms: 20

Samui Palm Beach

Tel: & Fax: 421358

Rate: ฿ 1,500-2,000 (A) Rooms: 50

Sala Thai

Rate: ฿ 100-300 Rooms: 16

World

Tel: & Fax: 421355-6

Bkk: 5831490

Rate: ฿ 200-750 (A) Rooms: 36

Sandy Resort

Tel: 421353-4

Rate: ฿ 400-1,200 (A) Rooms: 70

Bo Phut Guest House

Rate: ฿ 80-100 Rooms: 16

Charlie Villa

Rate: ฿ 80-300 Rooms: 9

Sunny

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 26

MAE NAM BEACH

Laem Sai

Rate: ฿ 60-250 Rooms: 24

Silent

Rate: ฿ 70-150 Rooms: 23

Friendly

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 14

Rainbow

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 20

Rose

Rate: ฿ 40 Rooms: 10

New Lapaz Villa

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 15

Sea Shore

Rate: ฿ 60-150 Rooms: 10

Cleopatra Palace

Rate: ฿ 100 Rooms: 15

Nature

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 15

Moon Hut

Rate: ฿ 80-150 Rooms: 14

Lolita

Rate: ฿ 80-100 Rooms: 10

Ubun Villa

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 16

Mae Nam Beach

Rate: ฿ 80-200 Rooms: 8

Holiday Hut

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 7

Sarnti Buri Resort & Hotel

Tel: & Fax: 286901

Rate: ฿ 5,900-15,000 (A) Rooms: 80

Mae Nam Resort

Rate: ฿ 200-300 Rooms: 15

Shady Shark

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 12

Shangrilah

Rate: ฿ 60-150 Rooms: 21

Sea Fan Beach Resort

Tel: 421350

Bkk: 2346551

Fax: 2367195

Rate: ฿ 2,400-2,600 (A) Rooms: 35

Chayarai

Rate: ฿ 700 (A) Rooms: 11

Harrys

Rate: ฿ 300-400 Rooms: 6

Phalarn Inn

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 18

Naphalarn Bungalow

Rate: ฿ 150 Rooms: 5

BAN TAI BEACH**Sun Beam**

Rate: ฿ 200-300 Rooms: 25

BANG POR BEACH**Jariya**

Rate: ฿ 200-300 Rooms: 18

BANG MA KHAM**Chalet**

Tel: 421307

Rate: ฿ 100-300 Rooms: 8

J.R. Palace Chaweng Beach

Tel: & Fax: 421402

Rate: ฿ 350-1,050 (F,A) Rooms: 70

Samui Villa Flora

(Chaweng Beach)

Tel: 272222 Ext. 225

Bkk. Tel: 2517646, 2514377, 2518472

Fax: 2513671 Telex: 21217 JUL T H

Rate: ฿ 1,600-2,200 (A) Rooms: 80

Koh Pha-Ngan

THONG SALA BEACH

Sea Surf

Rate: ฿ 40-100 Rooms: 14

Pha-Ngan Villa

Rate: ฿ 30-80 Rooms: 14

Wind Chame

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 10

Moon Light

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 10

Sun Dance

Rate: ฿ 30-80 Rooms: 15

Half Moon Huts

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 10

Co Co Club

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 13

Bamboo Huts

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 10

Charm Beach

Rate: ฿ 40-300 Rooms: 15

Chokkhana Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-350 Rooms: 20

Petch Cottage

Rate: ฿ 80-100 Rooms: 13

NAI VOK BEACH

Pha-Ngan

Rate: ฿ 30-80 Rooms: 26

Charn

Rate: ฿ 30-150 Rooms: 17

Siriphan

Rate: ฿ 30-60 Rooms: 11

Tranquil Resort

Rate: ฿ 30-100 Rooms: 10

Mountain View

Rate: ฿ 40-60 Rooms: 16

VOK TUM

Beach 99

Rate: ฿ 30-100 Rooms: 14

Cookie

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 18

Sea Scene

Rate: ฿ 60-120 Rooms: 18

Pornsawan

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 7

Darin

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 15

O.K.

Rate: ฿ 30-70 Rooms: 28

Kiat

Rate: ฿ 30-60 Rooms: 18

Tuk

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 15

Lipstick Cababa

Rate: ฿ 30-100 Rooms: 14

SI THANU BEACH

Loy Fah

Rate: ฿ 50-300 Rooms: 25

Sea View Rainbow

Rate: ฿ 40 Rooms: 8

Laem Son

Rate: ฿ 30-40 Rooms: 16

Bovy Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-70 Rooms: 43

Si Thanu

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 20

Sea Flower

Rate: ฿ 40-70 Rooms: 20

Great Bay Resort

Rate: ฿ 120-150 Rooms: 9

YAO BEACH

Sandy Bay

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 20

Lbiza

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 10

Had Yao

Rate: ฿ 30-150 Rooms: 17

Bay View

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 12

MAE HAT BEACH

Island View Cabana

Rate: B 40-50 Rooms: 53

Mae Hat Bay Resort

Rate: B 50-100 Rooms: 24

CHALOK LUM BEACH

Fanta

Rate: B 40-100 Rooms: 10

Watthana Resort

Rate: B 50-100 Rooms: 10

KHOM BEACH

Hat Khom Coral Bay

Rate: B 30-50 Rooms: 14

Suan Hin

Rate: B 30-50 Rooms: 9

KHUAT BEACH

O.D.

Rate: B 40-50 Rooms: 47

Bottle Beach

Rate: B 40-60 Rooms: 20

Sea Love

Rate: B 40-60 Rooms: 15

THONG TA PAN NOI BEACH

Thong Ta Pan Resort

Rate: B 60-150 Rooms: 18

Pan Vimarn Resort

Tel: 286900

THONG TA PAN YAI BEACH

Khanchit Dreamland

Rate: B 50-60 Rooms: 14

Ping Jun Resort

Rate: B 80-200 Rooms: 15

Pen

Rate: B 70-80 Rooms: 24

Nice Beach

Rate: B 30-60 Rooms: 15

A.D. View Resort

Rate: B 60-200 Rooms: 25

White Sand

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 10

THONG RENG BEACH

No Name

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 5

KHON TEE BEACH

Bovy

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 21

RIN NOK BEACH

Serenity

Rate: ฿ 30-180 Rooms: 25

Mountain Sea

Rate: ฿ 80-150 Rooms: 19

Sea View

Rate: ฿ 200 Rooms: 10

Palita Lodge

Rate: ฿ 80-200 Rooms: 17

Tommy Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-70 Rooms: 22

Pha Ngan Bay Shore Resort

Tel: 01-7250430

Rate: ฿ 60-350 Rooms: 20

Sun Rise

Rate: ฿ 60-350 Rooms: 24

Hat Rin

Rate: ฿ 50-70 Rooms: 13

Sea Garden

Rate: ฿ 60-200 Rooms: 18

Sand Castle

Rate: ฿ 60-80 Rooms: 12

Paradise

Rate: ฿ 60-350 Rooms: 24

RIN CAVE BEACH

Light House

Rate: ฿ 30-600 Rooms: 30

RIN NAI BEACH

Top Gold

Rate: ฿ 130-150 Rooms: 11

K. Bungalow

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 25

Sun Cliff Resort

Tel: 01-7250016

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 19

Rin Beach Resort

Rate: ฿ 30-150 Rooms: 29

Family

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 14

Friendly

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 13

Black & White

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 16

Charung

Rate: ฿ 40-60 Rooms: 10

Dolphin

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 21

Neptune

Rate: ฿ 50-150 Rooms: 29

Palm Beach

Rate: ฿ 30-200 Rooms: 19

Poonsap Village

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 5

Nee's

Rate: ฿ 30-60 Rooms: 5

V. Resort

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 12

Bo Bo

Rate: ฿ 30-40 Rooms: 9

Suksom

Rate: ฿ 40-100 Rooms: 15

Crystal Palace

Rate: ฿ 100-200 Rooms: 13

Coral

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 20

Rainbow

Rate: ฿ 50-70 Rooms: 17

Sea Side

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 3

Sandy ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 10

Sun Beach

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 12

Bird

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 5

Chob

Rate: ฿ 40-150 Rooms: 13

Star

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 10

Blue Hill

Rate: ฿ 100-250 Rooms: 14

BAN KHAI BEACH**Bang Son Villa**

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 10

Silvery Moon

Rate: ฿ 30 Rooms: 7

Boom Cafe

Rate: ฿ 40-60 Rooms: 16

Sea Day Chalet

Rate: ฿ 60 Rooms: 6

Thong Yang

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 15

Bancha Beach

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 7

Sun Sea Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-120 Rooms: 14

Golden Beach Resort

Rate: ฿ 40-200 Rooms: 23

Green Peace

Rate: ฿ 40-80 Rooms: 9

Pha-Ngan Rainbow

Rate: ฿ 40-100 Rooms: 8

Pan Beach

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 12

Copa

Rate: ฿ 30-80 Rooms: 9

Free Love

Rate: ฿ 30 Rooms: 13

Aplegeage

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 8

Lee's Garden

Rate: ฿ 40-200 Rooms: 25

Pha-Ngan Lodge

Rate: ฿ 60-100 Rooms: 10

New Heaven

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 12

Sabai

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 8

Jub

Rate: ฿ 30-70 Rooms: 15

BAN TAI BEACH

Mac's Bay Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-100 Rooms: 10

Liberty

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 7

Triangle Lodge

Rate: ฿ 60-120 Rooms: 10

Ping

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 11

S.P. Resort

Rate: ฿ 40-60 Rooms: 13

P.Park

Rate: ฿ 50-60 Rooms: 10

First Bay Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-80 Rooms: 11

First Villa

Rate: ฿ 200 Rooms: 5

TAE NAI

Tae Nai

Tel: 286066

Rate: ฿ 150-200 Rooms: 17

Koh Tao

SAI RI BEACH

O Chai

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 10

Sai Ri

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 10

MAE HAT BEACH

Nuan Nang

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 9

Dum

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 10

Kaeo

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 5

Island View Resort

Rate: ฿ 50-200 Rooms: 43

SAI NUAN BEACH

Sai Thong

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 18

Cha

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 7

CHALOK BAN KAO BEACH

Laem Khlong

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 12

Tharaporn

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 10

Sun Set

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 7

K.C.

Rate: ฿ 40-50 Rooms: 8

Ko Tao Cottage

Rate: ฿ 300 Rooms: 12

THIEN OAK BEACH

Niyom

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 10

S.C.

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 7

Ta To Lagoon

Rate: ฿ 40 Rooms: 10

Rocky

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 18

AO LUK BEACH

Chamnarn

Rate: ฿ 30-50 Rooms: 3

AO HIN VONG

Sahat

Rate: ฿ 30 Rooms: 4

NAM TOK

Shopping

Rate: ฿ 30 Rooms: 5

R. Seena

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 6

C.F.T.

Rate: ฿ 40 Rooms: 7

Mahana Bay

Rate: ฿ 50 Rooms: 9

NAGN YUAN ISLAND

Nang Yuan

Rate: ฿ 80-170 Rooms: 21

PHUN PHIN

Queen

Tel: 311003

Rate: ฿ 120-200 (A) Rooms: 35

SHOPPING

Major souvenir shops in Surat Thani and Koh Samui contain almost every handicraft produced in Thailand. Browsing to compare quality, and good-natured but determined bargaining will ensure favourable prices for readymade leisurewear and other apparel, and popular items such as basketry, palm leaf mobiles, ceramic decorations, lacquerware and brass receptacles and Thai silk and cotton lengths.

Local products of note are Chaiya district's Phumriang Village silk cloth which is produced largely in 5 original patterns, and jute, palm leaf and palmyra leaf headgear for men and women.

Samui island is noted for a wide range of coconut products. These include handbags made from coconut palm fronds, window screens, picture frames, brooms and fans.

DINING

Western cuisine is rarely found beyond hotel coffeeshops and bungalow resort dining rooms. Excellent Thai and Chinese cuisine prominently features local seafood, including fresh lobsters, oysters, crabs, fish, sharks, and assorted shellfish. Quality seafood restaurants are most numerous around the estuarine area of the Tapi River and at Ko Samui's Na Ton.

Other local culinary delicacies include salted eggs from Chaiya district, and the province's Rongrian Rambutans, purportedly the finest and sweetest in all of Thailand.

Restaurants in Surat Thani, Koh Samui and Pha Ngan Island

Nang Rom

Thanawat Hotel, Chonkasem Rd. Tel: 272473
(10.00 A.M.-02.00 A.M.)

Chay Huai

Talad Mai Rd. Tel: 272969 (10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M.)

Soon Hiang

Chonkasem Rd. Tel: 272180 (10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M.)

Muang Tai Restaurant

Talad Mai Rd. Tel: 272367 (10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M.)

Lum Poo

Koh Lum Poo, Tel: 272174 (10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M.)

Suai Suai

Ban Don Rd. (08.00 A.M.-02.00 A.M.)

Sweet Home

Siam Thara Hotel Tel: 282460

Phet Tapi

184/1 Talad Mai Rd. Tel: 272570, 281646
(10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M.)

New Yim Yim

88 Talad Lang Rd. Tel: 272238, 282237
(10.00 A.M.-10.00 P.M.)

Lucky

452/84-85 Talad Mai Rd. Tel: 273267
(10.00 A.M.-12.00 P.M.)

Cinderell

Wang Tai Hotel, Tel: 283020
(06.00 A.M.-02.00 A.M.)

Siam Thani Restaurant

Siam Thani Hotel, Tel: 273081-5
(06.00 A.M. - 03.00 A.M.)

Madam Iean

Next to Aksornthong Building, Tel: 281915
(10.00 A.M. - 11.00 P.M.)

Hua Moom 200

Opposite Town hall, Tel: 281665

Chalermocha

Chonkasem Rd. Tel: 282368 (08.00 A.M. - 11.00 P.M.)

Kampan

Pakdianusorn Rd. Tel: 272700
(06.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M.)

Home Bakery

Na Muang Rd. Tel: 282498 (08.00 - 6.00 P.M.)

Ko Keow

Na Thon Town, Samui Island, Tel: (077) 421061
(10.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M.)

Chao Ko

Na Thon Town, Samui Island, Tel: (077) 421196

Samui Food Center

242/6 Talad Na Thon, Koh Samui, Tel: (077) 421449

Back House Seafood Restaurant

6 Koh Pha Ngan Tel: 287035, 286062

NIGHT CLUBS**Komane**

Thanawat Hotel, 8.00 P.M. - 2.00 A.M.

Vasitthi

Siam Thani Hotel, 8.00 P.M. - 2.00 A.M.

Diana Disc

Wang Tai Hotel, 8.00 P.M. - 2.00 A.M.

DEPARTMENT STORES**Saha Thai**

Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 272056

Phiman

Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 272263

Chula

Vithi That Road, Tel: (077) 272264

THEATRES**Lido**

Rat Uthit Road, Tel: (077) 272759

Odien

Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 272216

Thanawat

Thanawat Hotel, Tel: (077) 272473

NEIGHBOURING PROVINCES

These include **CHUMPHON** to the north. Chumphon's provincial capital is 460 kilometres south of Bangkok by Highway No.4. Chumphon has a 222-kilometre-long coastline, almost 50 tropical islands offering numerous birds' nest caves and excellent scuba-diving waters, and several lovely palm-fringed beaches. These, combined with historic sites, forest waterfalls and caves, temples, picturesque fishing villages and comfortable accommodation attract increasing numbers of visitors.

RANONG to the northwest, 564 kilometres from Bangkok, offers the Jansom Thara Hot Spa Health Resort which draws water from Thailand's only Geo-Thermal Mineral water Spring. Ranong offers a unique 'get-fit' holiday, forests, waterfalls and caves, several islands famous for gamefishing, and the Surin Islands National Marine Park, where two large islands have splendid beaches and spectacular underwater scenery in clear Indian Ocean waters.

And **NAKHON SI THAMMARAT** to the south, 784 kilometres from Bangkok, is the home of one of Thailand's oldest temples, Wat Phra Maha That. Nakhon Si Thammarat is the centre of southern Thai culture and handicrafts such as neilloware, **yan lipao** basketry, leather shadow-play figures and Thai silk brocades. The province also has many fine beaches, waterfalls and caves, and hosts each October the **Prapheni Duan Sip** festival when for 15 days relatives of people condemned to hell make merit to ease their suffering.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tourist information is available from the Tourism Authority of Thailand Surat Thani office on Talat Mai Road. The information desk is open seven days a week, including public holidays, throughout the year, from 8.30 AM. to 4.30 PM.

Tourist police are attached to the TAT office on Talat Mai Road. Bilingual personnel provide speedy assistance to visitors in case of emergencies.

Banks offering foreign exchange services in Surat Thani are as follows:

Krung Thai Bank (Money Exchange Service)

Amphoe Muang Branch:

Na Muang Road, (8.30-18.00 hrs.)

Tel: (077) 283064

Phun Phin Branch:

Surat-Phun Phin Road, Tel: (077) 311334

(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Samui Branch:

Taweeratpakdi Road, Tel: (077) 421471

(8.30-18.00 hrs.)

Bangkok Bank (Money Exchange Service)

Amphoe Muang Branch:

195-197 Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 273927-8

(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Phun Phin Branch:

Surat-Phun Phin Road, Tel: (077) 311332

(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Thai Farmers Bank (Money Exchange Service)

Amphoe Muang Branch:

Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 282210, 272200

(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Phun Phin Branch:

Surat-Phun Phin Road, Tel: (077) 311033

(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Samui Branch

226 Mu 3, Taweeratpakdi Road, Tel: (077) 421200
(9.00-18.00 hrs.)

Siam City Bank (Money Exchange Service)

Amphoe Muang Branch:

62 Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 272066, 273663,
281551 (8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Samui Branch

253/1 Taweeratpakdi Road, Tel: (077) 421110-2
(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Siam Commercial Bank (Money Exchange Service)

Amphoe Muang Branch:

103/4 Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 272496, 273496
(8.30-15.30 hrs.)

Samui Branch:

- 29 Mu 3, Chonvithi Road
(Na Thon Pier) Tel: (077) 421139,
(8.30-18.00 hrs.)
- 126/3 Mu 3, Taweeratpakdi Road
Lamai Beach Tel: (077) 421344
(10.00 - 19.00 hrs.)
- 30/2 Mu 3, Rim Had Road
Chaweng Beach Tel: (077) 421445
(9.00 - 19.00 hrs.)

Government offices are generally open between 8.30 AM. and 4.30 PM. with a noon to 1.00 PM. Lunch-break, Monday through Friday, except on public holidays.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Hospital Listing

Surat Thani

Surat-Phun Phin Road, Tel: (077) 272231, 282233

Tak Sin

Talat Mai Road, Tel: (077) 273239, 273072

Bandon

Na Muang Road, Tel: (077) 272767, 273767

Clinic Listing

Tan Clinic

37/1 Sri Chaiya Road, Tel: (077) 273555

Tara Polyclinic

1/140 Donnok Road, Tel: (077) 282184

Panas Clinic

89 Chon Kasem Road, Tel: (077) 272032

Phaisan Clinic

98 Bandon Road, Tel: (077) 272267

Lertchao Clinic

134 Bandon Road, Tel: (077) 272362

Travel Agents

SURAT THANI

Pantip Co., Ltd.

442/24-25 Talad Mai Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 272906, 272230-31

Songserm Travel Service

295/8 Kaset Market 2, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 285124-7

Pakdee Tour

154 Bandon Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 272088

Sorat Tour

263/1 Chonkasem Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 285986

Extra Travel

100 Bandon Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 282112

Samui Tour

326/12 Talad Mai Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 282352

Chaiya Travel

Wang Tai Hotel, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 272379

Udomrat Tour

560/1 Namuang Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 272199

Wara Tour

51 Talad Mai Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 281021

Muang Tai Tour

Talad Mai Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 282777

Nakhorn Si Tour

124 Bandon Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 272034

Pha Ngan Ferry Co., Ltd.

10 Chonkaseam Road, Muang, Surat Thani

Tel: 286461-2, Fax: (66 77) 282713

Tel: 285121-2 Fax: 285122

SAMUI ISLAND**Best Trans And Tourist**

37/2 Mu 3, Bo Phut, Koh Samui Tel: 421387

Cita Tour

45/9 Chaweng Beach, Koh Samui

Tel: 421387

On Time Travel

70 Na Thon Road, Koh Samui

Tel: 421299, Fax: 421566

Chaiya Travel

79 Na Thon Road, Koh Samui Tel: 421277

Samui View

78 Na Thon Road, Koh Samui Tel: 421340

First Air Service

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Samui Holiday Tour

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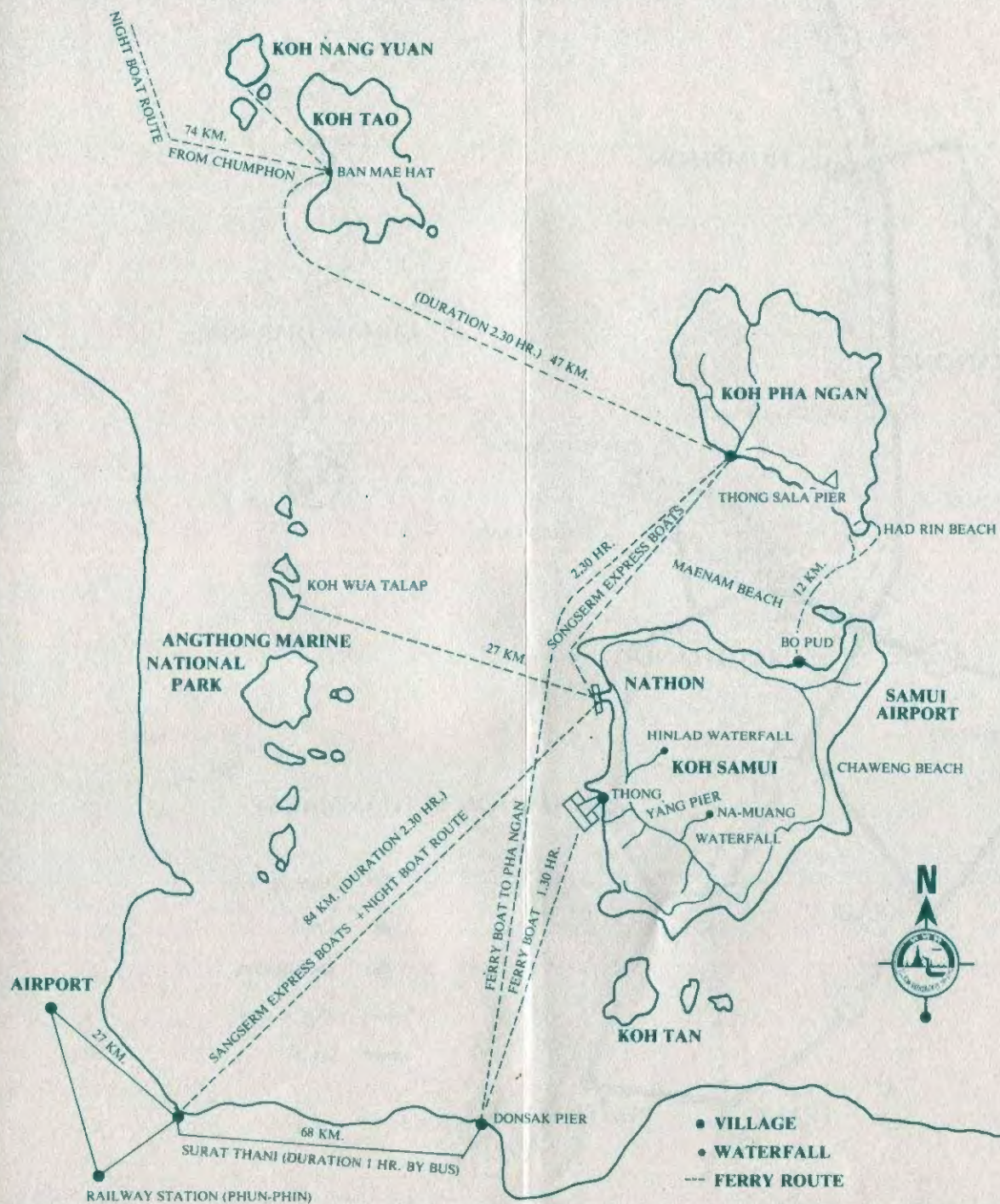
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TO PRACHUAP KHIRI KHAN

SAMUI ISLAND



GULF OF THAILAND



CHUMPHON

RANONG

ANG THONG
NATIONAL PARK

PHANGAN ISLAND

SAMUI ISLAND

DON SAK
BAN DON

SURAT THANI

TO PHUKET

NAKHON SI THAMMARAT

KRABI

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PHATTHALUNG



AIRPORT



CITY



MAJOR CITY



RAIL ROAD



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